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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

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1. (Currently amended) An ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus system-comprising: an ultrasonic detecting portion probe that transmits an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receives a reflected wave therefrom;

a transmission-reception circuit that transmits a signal for ultrasonic wave transmission to the ultrasonic probe and processes the signal received by the ultrasonic probe;

an image display device portion that has a diagnostic image display region for displaying a diagnostic image based on an image signal from the transmission-reception circuit ultrasonic detecting portion and displays a setting button and a cursor of a pointing device for making a selection of a setting condition; and

a control device portion that sets has a function of setting the setting condition based on the selection of the setting condition;

wherein the control device ultrasonic diagnosis system has

a function in which a pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor on the setting button, and

a function in which an alternative in the pop-up menu is selected by locating the cursor on the alternative and the alternative that is selected last is confirmed by moving the cursor to a region outside the pop-up menu.

2 - 4. (Canceled)

- 5. (Currently amended) The ultrasonic diagnosis system apparatus according to claim 1, which has a function of setting a time period until the pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor of the pointing device on the setting button drawn on a screen.
- 6. (Currently amended) An ultrasonic diagnosis system apparatus comprising:

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an ultrasonic <u>probe_detecting portion</u> that transmits an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receives a reflected wave therefrom;

a transmission-reception circuit that transmits a signal for ultrasonic wave transmission to the ultrasonic probe and processes the signal received by the ultrasonic probe;

an image display <u>device</u> pertion that has a diagnostic image display region for displaying a diagnostic image based on an image signal from the <u>transmission-reception</u> <u>circuit ultrasonic detecting pertion</u> and displays a setting button and a cursor of a pointing device for making a selection of a setting condition; and

a control <u>device portion</u> that <u>sets has a function of setting</u> the setting condition based on the selection of the setting condition;

wherein the control device ultrasonic diagnosis system has

a function in which a pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor on the setting button, and

a function in which an alternative in the pop-up menu is selected by locating the cursor on the alternative and the alternative that is selected last is confirmed by moving the cursor rightward, leftward, horizontally, upward, downward or vertically in the selected alternative in the pop-up menu.

- 7. (Currently amended) The ultrasonic diagnosis <u>apparatus</u> system according to claim 6, which has a function of setting a time period until the pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor of the pointing device on the <u>setting operation</u> button drawn on a screen.
- 8. (Currently amended) An ultrasonic diagnosis <u>apparatus system</u> comprising: an ultrasonic <u>probe detecting portion</u> that transmits an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receives a reflected wave therefrom;

a transmission-reception circuit that transmits a signal for ultrasonic wave transmission to the ultrasonic probe and processes the signal received by the ultrasonic probe;

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an image display device portion that has a diagnostic image display region for displaying a diagnostic image based on an image signal from the transmission-reception circuit ultrasonio detecting portion and displays a setting button and a cursor of a pointing device for making a selection of a setting condition; and

a control device portion that sets has a function of setting the setting condition based on the selection of the setting condition;

wherein the control device ultrasonic diagnosis system has

a function in which a pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor on the setting button, and

a function in which an alternative in the pop-up menu is selected by locating the cursor on the alternative and the alternative that is selected last is confirmed by keeping the cursor in the selected alternative for a certain period of time.

9. (Currently amended) The ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus system according to claim 8, which has a function of setting a time period until the pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor of the pointing device on the setting button drawn on a screen.